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THE REPLY FILED 01 June 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 5 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☐ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: _____.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
10. ☐ Other: _____

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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:

Applicant argues that Birrell does not teach or suggest e-mail program or a system of establishing relationships between hypertext references contained in e-mail messages where a message parser is used to locate hypertext references. (Remarks, page 3, the first paragraph)

In response, the Examiner contends that Birrell meets the limitations as claimed by Applicant. Birrell teaches relationships between hypertext references contained in e-mail messages (access to the mail services is implemented by extensions to the Web browser ...when displaying retrieved messages ... the URL is passed to the browser; col.11, line 54 - col.12, line 13). Also, Birrell teaches a message parser is used to locate hypertext reference (as the message are parsed...after a batch of messages have been parsed; col.7, lines 28-52/ the message can be parsed; col.10, lines 36-48 /messages are normally displayed...in the HTML format...the first line of a displayed message contains any "hot-links" which the user can click to display the message ... with the HTML formatting; col.11, lines 54-63).

Applicant argues that Birrell does not teach or suggest a method or program that includes finding hypertext references placed in first and second e-mail messages by senders and building hypertext messages containing the hypertext references and associating the hypertext references with the senders (Remarks, page 3, the second paragraph)

In response, the Examiner believes that the combination of Birrell and Higley teaches the limitations as broadly claimed by Applicant. Birrell teaches hypertext reference in first and second e-mail messages received by an e-mail program and building hypertext message containing the hypertext references (messages are normally displayed...in the HTML format...the first line of a displayed message contains any "hot-links" which the user can click to display the message ... with the HTML formatting; col.11, lines 54-63). Higley teaches associations of each of the hypertext references with a sender of the first and second e-mail messages (Fig.6).

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